

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please find accompanying this response replacement sheets for Figs. 4-7 wherein amendments explained in the Remarks presented below are effected.

REMARKS

Claims 13-36 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-12 are rejected. Claims 1, 8 and 9 are objected to. Claims 1-12 are cancelled herein. New claims 13-36 are added and reflect in part the cancelled claims, expressing the invention in alternative wording, which broadens language as deemed appropriate in light of the applied art and which addresses matters of form unrelated to substantive patentability issues. For example, reference numerals are removed as the elements of the claims are not considered limited to specific corresponding structures in the drawings. Other formal matters are attended to that were not addressed by the Examiner and accordingly are considered unrelated to substantive patentability issues. The cancellation of claims 1-12 renders their respective rejections and objection thereto moot.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to include reference designator "37" and for showing the reference designator "D" in a manner which is considered not to be clear. Please find accompanying this amendment replacement drawings for Figs. 4-7 wherein the reference designator "37" is added to Fig. 7 to identify the end bore and the reference designator "D," indicating the diameter of the center part, is now offset from the center part in Figs. 4-6 so as not to obscure

the view of the center part. No new matter is added since the features of the new drawings are clearly supported by the specification. In view of these amendments, reconsideration of the objection to the drawings and withdrawal thereof are earnestly solicited.

OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT

The specification and abstract are objected to for various informalities noted by the Examiner. The Examiner apparently objects to the specification for including more than 150 words. The Examiner is reminded that the 150 limit does not apply to national stage applications which the present application is. With regard to the various objections to the wordings of the specification, applicant appreciates the Examiner's detailed input. Applicant submits herewith a substitute specification and abstract wherein amendments are effected to place the text thereof into proper English in accordance with 37 CFR 1.125(c). Also accompanying this amendment is a reproduction of the original specification and abstract with markings indicating the amendments effected in the substitute specification in accordance with MPEP §608.01(q) and 37 CFR 1.125(b). No new matter is added. Entry of the substitute specification and abstract is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-12 are rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. The Office Action cites various claim wordings as unclear. The rejected claims are now cancelled and new claims 13-36 are submitted herein. These claims have been drafted with the rejections and objections set forth by the Examiner in mind and are respectfully submitted as being definite in compliance with statute.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and §103(a)

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Junker '797 reference. Claims 1-3, 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of the Junker '797 reference. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over the Junker '797 reference in view of the Junker '536 reference.

Claims 1-12 are now cancelled rendering the rejections moot. However, insofar as the subject matter of new claims 13-36 reflects that of the cancelled claims 1-12, and in the event the Examiner considers asserting the present rejection against the new claims or making the next Office Action final, applicants submit the following remarks.

The applicant and applicant's attorney appreciate the Examiner's granting of the telephone interview conducted on February 14, 2006, and extend their thanks to the Examiner and his supervisor for their time and consideration. During the interview the Junker '797 reference was discussed with regard to the alleged disclosure of first and second pivots (11). Agreement was reached that the reference did not disclose a grinding spindle supported on two pivots, but rather on a single pivot 11. Additionally, it was agreed that applicant would submit revised claims which positively recite the first and second pivots rather than reciting the virtual pivot axes alone and that such submission would distinguish over the Junker '797 reference cited as having two pivots and the other applied references. This the applicant and now done in claims 13 and 28. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the new claims are patentable over the applied art and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. It is further submitted that the two were recited in the original claims and therefore, since the present references did not show such a feature, the next Office Action cannot be made final.

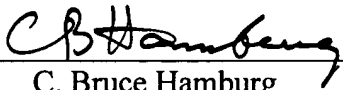
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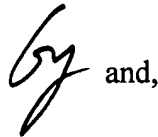
Four claims in excess of twenty are added. Accordingly, please charge the fee of \$200.00 to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

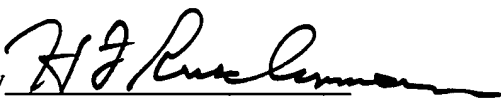
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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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